

U.S. FLAGGED VESSELS IN U.S. FOREIGN TRADE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Continuing Examination of U.S. Flagged Vessels in U.S. Foreign Trade. Testimony was heard from David Matsuda, Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

FEDERAL CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Federal Contractor Compliance. Testimony was heard from Les Jin, Deputy Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor; Jan R. Frye, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3843, Transparency for America's Heroes Act; H.R. 4041, To authorize certain improvements in the Federal Recovery Coordinator Programs; H.R. 5428, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to educate certain staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to inform veterans about the Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights; H.R. 5543, To amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay; H.R. 5516, Access to Appropriate Immunizations for Veterans Act of 2010; H.R. 5641, Heroes at Home Act; H.R. 5996, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of veterans with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; H.R. 6123, Veterans' Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services' Improvements Act of 2010; and H.R. 6127, Extension of Health Care Eligibility for Veterans Who Served at Qrmat Ali, and Draft Legislation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Sestak, Barrow, Pingree and Stearns; Robert L. Jesse, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

BRIEFINGS—SUPPLY CHAIN THREATS; THREAT ASSESSMENTS UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Meet in executive session to receive a briefing on Supply Chain Threats. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Threat Assessments Update. The Committee was briefed by Michael Leiter, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Joint Meetings

YUKOS OIL COMPANY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine charges against Mikhail Khodorkovsky's Yukos Oil Company, after receiving testimony from Vadim Klyuvgant, Moscow, Russia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1027)

H.R. 5297, to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation. Signed on September 27, 2010. (Public Law 111–240)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Business meeting to consider S. 118, to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for the elderly, and S. 1481, to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine implementing the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine the role of strategic minerals in clean energy technologies and other applications, including S. 3521, to provide for the reestablishment of a domestic rare earths materials production and supply industry in the United States, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the Federal investment in for-profit education, focusing on if students are succeeding, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine earthquake preparedness, focusing on what the United States can learn from the 2010 Chilean and Haitian earthquakes, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine implementation, improvement, sustainability, focusing on management matters at the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

House

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Defense Department Budget initiatives, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the recently released discussion draft on drug safety legislation, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Out of the Shadows: The Global Fight Against Human Trafficking, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and The Global Environment, hearing on Cambodia's Small Debt: When Will the U.S. Forgive? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "The Domestic Nuclear Detection Office: Can It Overcome Past Problems and Chart a New Direction?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on the Role of Immigration in Strengthening America's Economy, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing to examine the circumstances surrounding the recall of over 135 million bottles of infant and children's medicines

produced by Johnson & Johnson/McNeil Consumer Healthcare, 10 a.m., 210–HVC.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing entitled, "Are 'Superweeds' an Outgrowth of USDA Biotech Policy? (Part II)," 2:00 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Governmental Management, Organization and Procurement, executive, briefing to discuss recently proposed efficiency and organizational initiatives within the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., 2218 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Standards for Health IT: Meaningful Use and Beyond, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on The Congressional Workplace; Safety Concerns and Future Plans, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on impact of Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development on the Nation's Water Quality, Economy and Communities, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on the True Cost of the War, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.